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OVERLAND PARK MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Overland Park, Kansas, man was sentenced in federal court today for possessing child pornography.

Daniel Ervin, 52, of Overland Park, Kan., was sentenced this afternoon by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey to one year and one day in prison without parole, plus a \$2,000 fine.

On April 11, 2002, Ervin pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography transported in interstate commerce. By pleading guilty, Graves said **Ervin** admitted that on or about June 11, 2001, he possessed an HP Pavilion 4530 computer that contained three or more images of child pornography that had been transported through his America On-Line account by a computer with Internet access.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Innocent Images Task Force in Baltimore, Maryland.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow